

## Postal Regulatory Commission

Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

### NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that on October 25, 2011, the Commission received two petitions for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Woodstock post office located in Woodstock, Minnesota. The first petition for review was filed by Carl E. Gearhart. The second petition for review was filed by Gary Ambrose. The earliest postmark date is October 3, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review). The Postal Service's administrative record is due no later than November 9, 2011.



Ruth Ann Abrams  
Acting Secretary

Date: October 28, 2011

Attachment

Carl E. Gearhart

125 Main St. Box 68

Woodstock, MN 56186

September 30, 2011

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Dear Commission,

I am asking that you would repeal your decision to close the Post Office in Woodstock, MN. I have lived here for 11 years and I personally spend over 1200.00 at the Post Office every year. I send many packages to Servicemen and Service women each year as well as boxes to friends in foreign countries through the Post Office. If the Post Office closes I will not travel 13 miles to mail these items. I will probably look for an alternate method of shipping.

I am the Pastor of a church in Woodstock. We send out a lot of mail every week through the local Post Office. We send out packages as well and we receive many packages as well. Many of these packages are rather large. Again we will probably look for an alternate way to delivery.

I am told that you will save 19,000 dollars by closing the Post Office here. I cannot see that happening. If I do all of the business that I do with the Post Office now through a rural route carrier he/she will be spending a great deal of time with me just getting everything sent with sufficient postage. This will increase the number of hours he/she will be working. More hours equals more pay and a frustrated route carrier.

I am asking you to think again about closing the Post Office in Woodstock.

Sincerely,



Carl E. Gearhart

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October 18, 2011

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Postal Regulatory Commission  
901 New York Avenue Northwest  
Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20268-0001

RE: Appeal to proposed closing of Woodstock, Minnesota U.S. Post Office

Dear Sir/Madam:

A number of us community members want you to reconsider closing our post office in Woodstock, Minnesota and we are appealing your decision to do so.

We urge the U.S. Postal Service to place a moratorium on closings for at least two years. Governor Terry Branstad of Iowa, and Governor Earl Ray Tomblin of West Virginia are asking for a moratorium on all post office closings. The United States needs to give this decision more time and not rush to close our small town post offices, because once they are closed, they are probably closed forever. In addition, we are in a campaign year, and this is a hot topic, and we fear that the U.S. Senate and U.S. House may not act on this issue in the next year, so we should put it off until after the 2012 elections.

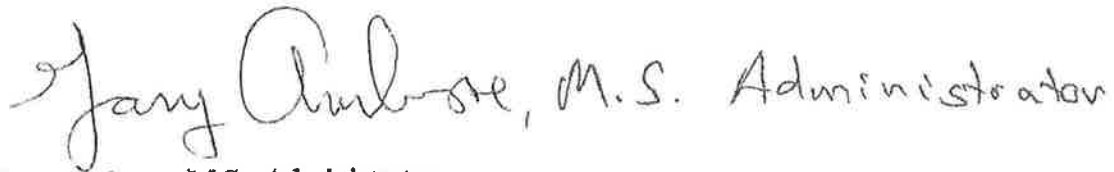
I think the small-town post office closings do more damage disproportionately than laying off staff in large cities, because we do not just lose employees through lay-offs, we lose the entire post office. Some communities get to keep their post office, but may lose some of the work force. It is easier for a community to lose some of the work force than to lose the entire post office. Losing a post office is a harsh loss to the small, rural community.

Has the U.S. Postal Service calculated what closing 3,700 post offices may do to their revenue? Doesn't this closure have the potential to decrease revenue for the U.S. Postal Service? Another argument is that what will be saved by closing the 3,700 post offices is "chicken feed" compared to where big dollars could be saved in other large areas. In

other words, "chicken feed" is a "small change" for the massive U.S. Postal Service, but it makes a "large change" for 3,700 communities and their hundreds of thousands of people.

We ask you in a pleading manner, to not close our post office in Woodstock, Minnesota. Please grant a two-year moratorium so that more ideas can be tried first to decrease your costs and increase your revenue.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Woodstock, Minnesota Community,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary Ambrose, M.S. Administrator". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Gary Ambrose, M.S., Administrator,  
New Life Treatment Center  
Woodstock, Minnesota